Setting up of Lakshadweep Development Corporation

2890. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for setting up Lakshadweep Development Corporation on the mainland in Kerala while its registered office is at Agathi, an island in lakshadweep;

(b) whether the Government have received complaints regarding malfunctioning of the Corporation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the achievements of the Corporation during the last two year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The operational Headquarters of the lakshadweep Development Corporation, set up with its registered office at Agathi island, had to be shifted to the mainland in March, 1990, because of certain operational requirements and to provide thrust to its operations; to ensure better communication and transportation of the products and also better interaction with the customers as well as various developmental agencies.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In views of (b) above does not arise.

(d) Turnover and profit of the Lakshadweep Development Corporation during the last 2 years were as under:-

Year	*Turnover*	*Profit*
1989-90	Rs. 0.11 lakh	Rs. 1.42 lakh (being interest on paid up share capital kept in FD)
1990-91	Rs. 40.04	Rs. 18.34 lakhs

Seizure of High Frequency Transmitter

2891. SHRI P.M. SAYEED;
SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Navy seized two vessels carrying explosives and high frequency transmitters off Karaikal sea coast in early November this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the ownership of the vessels and the source from which they acquired the rare equipment like high power transmitters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The information is being obtained and will be laid on the table of the House.

Rajasthan Power Projects Pending Clearance

2892. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY be pleased to state the details of pending power projects likely to be approved in 1991-92 financial year in Rajasthan and the time by which the remaining projects would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): The following thermal power projects in Rajasthan State were techno-economically cleared by CEA and also sanctioned by Planning Commission during 1991-92..

	Name of Project	*Capacity*	*Date of sanction*
1.	Barsingsar lignite based TPS-Rajasthan (NDC)	2X120 MW	23.4.91
2.	Suratgarh TPS St.I	2X250 MW	13.11.91

The time taken for the pending projects to be techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority would depend upon on several factors including the comprehensiveness of the project reports received from the project authorities, time taken by the project authorities in replying to various comments/observations of the CEA/ CWC, availability of various inputs and clearances such as fuel availability, transportation of coal, gas etc,. port facilities, water availability etc., clearance from E & F angles, State Pollution Control Boards and National Airport Authority etc. After clearance by Central Electricity Authority the proposal would be sent to Planning Commission for investment approval.

Rehabilitation of Mentally Retarded Persons

2893. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce some new programmes for the rehabilitation of the mentally retarded persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated for each of these programmes, separately; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c). New Schemes for implementation during the VIII Plan have been formulated for finalisation in consultation with Planning Commission and the Finance Ministry.

[*Translation*]

Public Call offices in Post Offices in Haryana

2894. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the facility of public telephones (public call office) is available in all the post offices/sub post offices in Haryana;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district wise; and

(c) if not, the details of the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Out of 432 post offices in Haryana Postal Circle, public call offices facility is available in 365